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POW Camp at YD-121735

- On 22 November 1952 a POW camp with approximately 500 ROK POW's was in civilian houses at YD-121735, near Naedong-ni (N 39-30, E 125-28) (YD-1275). This camp was established in late July 1952.

POW Camp at YD-353213

- On 15 October 1952 a POW camp with 2,000 ROK POW's was in a three-story cement building at YD-353213, near Sosong-ni (N 39-01, E 125-43) (YD-3522).¹ This camp had been moved to its present location in early September 1952. POW's were moved in and out of the camp frequently. Four hop (1.2 pints) of rice and other cereals were rationed to each POW daily. POW's wore blue fatigue clothes and each was issued a blanket. Details of 30 to 40 POW's did reclamation work on bombed-out areas under the supervision of guards armed with PPSH's. The camp had 250 guards, 70 percent armed with PPSH's and 30 percent armed with Soviet rifles.

POW Camp at YD-557234

- In mid-October 1952 a POW camp with approximately 200 ROK POW's was in a former Japanese army barracks at YD-557234, near Taesong-ni (N 39-02, E 125-57) (YD-5524).² There were four buildings 20 meters long, 6 meters wide, and 3 meters high, with cement walls and roofs. The two characters for POW, P'o Ro (2198/5712), were written on the roofs. There were 60 guards armed with PPSH's and Soviet rifles. A North Korean army lieutenant was in charge of the guard unit. Five hundred

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grams of grain, 30 percent rice and 70 percent other cereals, were rationed to each POW daily and each was issued a blanket. POW's were engaged in cutting logs in the forest, farming at government farms, and reclamation work on bombed-out areas. Medical facilities were very poor. POW's were given ideological indoctrination for 2 hours daily. Those who showed a possibility of being converted to Communism were given further indoctrination and received better treatment. Converted prisoners were moved out of the camp to other places for advanced training.³

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